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For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING UNIVERSAL REMOTE CONTROL
OF COMPUTING DEVICES**

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In advance of examination of the above-referenced patent application, please enter
the following amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 26, with the following rewritten
paragraph:

--The system and methods for providing universal remote control of computing

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ADENMARK Upon entry of the present amendment, the Appendices will have been replaced with substitute Appendices. The Specification was amended on page 3 to appropriately conform the brief description of the drawings to the Title of the Invention. The Appendices were amended to correct for matters of form in the XML schema described as exemplary. No new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration and passage to issue of the application at the Examiner's earliest convenience are earnestly solicited.

Thomas Usher

Date: May 7, 2001

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